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SUBJECT: GERMAN HYDRAULIC PRESSURE DRYERS TO GDR -

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1. GERMAN DEL, UNDER DATE OF MAY 6, HAS ANSWERED QUERIES
IN REF B AS FOLLOWS:

"1) THE PRESSES ARE TO PRODUCE NITROCELLULOSES WITH A
NITROGEN CONTENTS OF BETWEEN 11.3 AND 12.2. IN SPITE
OF THE OPPOSITE UNITED STATES TECHNICIANS' OPINION ,
THESE PRESSES CAN VERY WELL AND EFFECTIVELY BE USED TO
PROCESS NITROCELLULOSE WITH A NITROGEN CONTENTS OF 11.3.

"2) THE PURCHASER OF THE PRESSES HAS THREE TYPES OF
NITROCELLULOSE IN HIS PRODUCTION PROGRAM, ACCORDING
TO THE DIFFERENT USES FOR WHICH THE LACQUERS TO BE PRO-
DUCED ARE REQUIRED:
TYPE A (ALCOHOL SOLVABLE COLLODIUM WOOLS) WITH A NITRO-
GEN CONTENTS OF 11.9 TO 12.2 (SEE PAGES 22-34 OF AT-
TACHED BROCHURE OF THE EILENBURG CHEMICAL WORKS)
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TYPE M (MEDIUM ALCOHOL SOLVABLE COLLODIUM WOOLS) WITH A

NITROGEN CONTENTS OF 11.5 TO 11.7 (SEE PAGE 35 OF ATTACHED BROCHURE)

TYPE E (ESTER SOLVABLE COLLODIUM WOOLS) WITH A NITROGEN CONTENTS OF 10.7 TO 10.9 (SEE PAGE 36 OF ATTACHED BROCHURE).

EXPERTS OF THE APPLICANT HAVE CONVINCED THEMSELVES THAT ONLY NITROCELLULOSES WITH A NITROGEN CONTENTS OF 11.3 TO 12.2 ARE BEING PRODUCED IN THE EILENBURG CHEMICAL WORKS. ACCORDING TO THE TECHNICAL PURITY REQUIREMENTS THE PERCENTAGE OF NITROGEN CONTENTS CAN HAVE A TOLERANCE OF NOT OVER 0.1 .

"3) THE ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF THESE PRESSES WILL AMOUNT TO APPROXIMATELY 2080 TONS OF NITROCELLULOSE. FOUR PRESSES ARE NEEDED FOR CAPACITY REASONS.

"4) A) THE FOUR PRESSES WILL BE INSTALLED ALL IN ONE ROOM. THIS WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED BECAUSE OF SAFETY REQUIREMENTS, IF NITROCELLULOSE WITH A NITROGEN CONTENTS OF MORE THAN 12.2 WERE PRODUCED.

"B) THE FOUR PRESSES OF THE TYPE 840 S ARE THE FIRST PRODUCED OF THAT SERIES. THEY ARE THE GREATEST OF THIS TYPE SERIES. BECAUSE OF THEIR LARGE MASS CONTAINER CAPACITY THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ACCEPTED FOR THE PRODUCTION OF NITROCELLULOSE WITH A HIGHER NITROGEN CONTENTS.

"C) ACCORDING TO THE APPLICANT, THE EILENBURG CHEMICAL WORKS DO NOT HAVE OFFICIAL AUTHORIZATION TO PRODUCE NITROCELLULOSE WITH A NITROGEN CONTENTS OF MORE THAN 12.2. THIS NITROGEN CONTENTS OF NOT MORE THAN 12.2 IS OBTAINED BY PROCESSING THE WOOL WITH A MIXED ACID CONSISTING OF 21 NITRIC ACID, 63 SULPHURIC ACID AND AT LEAST 16 WATER. THIS NITRATION IS DONE AT TEMPERATURES BETWEEN 25 DEGREES C AND 30 DEGREES C AND LASTS APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES.

"MY AUTHORITIES HAVE ASKED ME TO POINT OUT THAT THIS REQUEST HAS BECOME EXTREMELY URGENT AND THAT THEY WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR A UNITED STATES POSITION AS SOON
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AS POSSIBLE."

2. BROCHURE (IN GERMAN) AIRMAILED TO OEA/WALINSKY MAY 12.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS BY MAY 20. WE REGRET HAVING DELAYED ACTION ON THE GERMAN LETTER UNTIL NOW. IN VIEW OF URGENCY CITED, AND PRIOR US QUESTIONS, WE

HOPE ACTION AGENCIES WILL DO THEIR BEST TO REACH FINAL
POSITION BY MAY 20.
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